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S. RES. 662

Raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and designating the week of October 2, 2008, through October 4, 2008, as “Celebrate Safe Communities” week.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. OBAMA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 30 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and designating the week of October 2, 2008, through October 4, 2008, as “Celebrate Safe Communities” week.

Whereas communities across the country face localized increases in violence and other crime;

Whereas local law enforcement and community partnerships are an effective tool for preventing crime and addressing the fear of crime;

Whereas the National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA) and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) are leading

national resources that provide community safety and crime prevention tools tested and valued by local law enforcement agencies and communities nationwide;

Whereas the NSA and the NCPC have joined together to create the “Celebrate Safe Communities” initiative in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice;

Whereas Celebrate Safe Communities will be launched the 1st week of October 2008 to help kick off recognition of October as Crime Prevention Month;

Whereas Celebrate Safe Communities is designed to help local communities highlight the importance of residents and law enforcement working together to keep communities safe places to live, learn, work, and play;

Whereas Celebrate Safe Communities will enhance the public awareness of vital crime prevention and safety messages and motivate Americans of all ages to learn what they can do to stay safe from crime;

Whereas Celebrate Safe Communities will help promote year-round support for locally based and law enforcement-led community safety initiatives that help keep families, neighborhoods, schools, and businesses safe from crime; and

Whereas the week of October 2, 2008, through October 4, 2008, is an appropriate week to designate as “Celebrate Safe Communities” week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of October 2, 2008,
3 through October 4, 2008, as “Celebrate Safe Communities” week;
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1 (2) commends the efforts of the thousands of
2 local law enforcement agencies and their countless
3 community partners who are educating and engag-
4 ing residents of all ages in the fight against crime;

5 (3) asks communities across the country to con-
6 sider how the Celebrate Safe Communities initiative
7 can help them highlight local successes in the fight
8 against crime; and

9 (4) encourages the National Sheriffs' Associa-
10 tion and the National Crime Prevention Council to
11 continue to promote, during Celebrate Safe Commu-
12 nities week and year-round, individual and collective
13 action in collaboration with law enforcement and
14 other supporting local agencies to reduce crime and
15 build safer communities throughout the United
16 States.

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